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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6512**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1142

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 20, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Physician Assistants.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Welch

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill removes the requirement that a supervising physician be in the county or a contiguous county of the physician assistant's practice. The bill removes the limitation that a supervising physician may only delegate to a physician assistant the authority to prescribe one 30 day supply of a controlled substance. The bill changes the percentages of patient charts that a supervising physician or physician designee must review based on the number of years the physician assistant has been employed. The bill specifies that a physician may supervise not more than two physician assistants at a time.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:** Technically, the provisions of the bill would reduce the potential number of Class B misdemeanor violations within the physician assistant statute in a given year. However, it is not likely that this will impact fine revenue from B misdemeanors.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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